

15 June 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant, Research and Reports

THROUGH : Chief, Economic Research Area

THROUGH : Chief, Resources and Industries Division

SUBJECT : Comments on Recommendation by DOD that the
EIC Subcommittee on Chemicals be Abolished

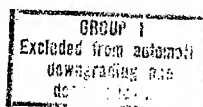
1. It is understood that the Department of Defense recently recommended to the Bureau of the Budget that the EIC Subcommittee on Chemicals, among a number of other interagency committees, be dissolved.

2. The officers of the EIC Subcommittee on Chemicals concur with the DOD recommendation. This Subcommittee has convened only once (October 1964) in the past several years. The reason for this inactivity is that for some years there has been virtually no community of interest among the various governmental departments and agencies in chemical and related intelligence and hence no need for multilateral coordination. In those few cases where there is an identity of interests, e.g., chemicals relating to missile propellants and chemical warfare, bilateral coordination and exchange of information between the interested organizations have proved to be a more efficient and sensible approach than using the Subcommittee apparatus.

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Chairman, EIC Subcommittee on Chemicals

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant, Research and Reports

THROUGH: Chief, Economic Research
Chief, Resources and Industries Division

FROM: Chief, Fuels and Power Branch

SUBJECT: Possible Abolition of the EIC Subcommittee
on Electric Power and Solid Fuels

I have been informed that DIA recommends abolishing the EIC Subcommittee on Electric Power and Solid Fuels because it rarely meets and because other means exist for carrying out the responsibilities of the Subcommittee. The DIA view seems quite reasonable. The only meeting of the Subcommittee during the last four years was in February 1962. That meeting was called at the request of [REDACTED], Executive Secretary of the USIB Committee on Exchanges, for the purpose of establishing a US intelligence community position on a proposal that the US receive a Soviet delegation in the field of thermal electric powerplants and high voltage transmission lines. Since that time questions concerning exchanges and questions related to trade controls have been referred directly to appropriate branches in CIA and DIA. A close working liaison exists between the Fuels and Power Branch of ORR and the personnel in DIA 1-R-1A who are concerned with preparing NIS sections concerned with electric power industries. A similar working relationship exists with personnel of the Bureau of Mines in the Department of the Interior. This liaison makes the Subcommittee appear unnecessary.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant, Office of Research and Reports

THROUGH: Chief, Economic Research Area

THROUGH: Acting Chief, Trade and Services Division

SUBJECT: Comments on the Recommendation of the DOD that the
EIC Economic Defense Subcommittee be Abolished

REFERENCE: Our Conversation 18 June 1965 on Above Subject

1. Should the EIC Economic Defense Subcommittee be abolished, it is not believed that the action would have a detrimental effect on the quality or quantity of the intelligence support rendered to the economic defense committees by CIA and other agencies.

2. There was a need for this committee some years ago (to carry on the work of its predecessor) but at the present time, the maturing relationship among the various agencies participating in economic defense matters seems to have obviated that need. Coordination of intelligence is accomplished through other committees or through bilateral discussion. There has been no meeting of the Subcommittee since 1 September 1961, when it reviewed and approved a CIA study The Strategic Impact of the International Embargo Program on the Sino-Soviet Bloc. Since its inception in 1958, this Subcommittee has met only four times. The last annual report of the Subcommittee already had raised the question of its usefulness and the membership decided that it be continued on a stand-by basis for one more year contingent on the materialization of need -- which has not arisen. There is therefore no objection to the DOD proposal for the abolition of this Subcommittee.



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MEMORANDUM TO: SA/AD/RR

THROUGH: Chief, D/R

SUBJECT: DOD Proposal To Abolish EIC Subcommittee on Industrial Machinery and Equipment

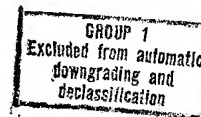
1. Early in its history the Industrial Machinery Subcommittee served effectively as a focal point for an exchange of ideas and opinions between analysts of different agencies responsible for studying the production of machinery in the Soviet Bloc countries. However, presently ORR is the only component in the government that is devoting major resources to this subject. For many years, it has been apparent that State, Commerce, and most of the DOD components have been in no position to make an effective substantive contribution to the Subcommittee's major areas of responsibility. The last meeting of the Subcommittee was held in 1961.

2. At various times in years past the chairman has attempted to initiate useful inter-Agency activities through the Subcommittee. All such attempts were unsuccessful, the programs unfortunately taking on an artificial, make-work complexion because they did not stem from a real need of the community.

3. In recent years the major justification for the Subcommittee has been that it maintained the potential for instituting effective inter-Agency action if the need arose. It is probable, however, that inter-Agency coordination can just as effectively be handled outside the EIC structure. For example, during 1959-60 the Machinery Subcommittee was responsible for proposing and planning a US-USSR machine tool exchange. When the exchange was re-initiated in 1964 the details were worked out by an inter-Agency working group outside the EIC. This approach was just as successful as the earlier planning under the EIC.

4. In conclusion, there is probably little justification to maintain the Machinery Subcommittee on a stand-by basis to meet potential problems that seldom arise or can be equally well handled by less formal

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inter-Agency coordination. Abolition of this Subcommittee will not deprive ORR of any essential inter-Agency contacts. It is, therefore, difficult not to agree with the DOD recommendation that the Subcommittee on Industrial Machinery and Equipment be abolished.



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